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## Thaw Not Guilty.

The famous trial of Harry Thaw, a dissipated, surfeited millionaire, who shot and killed Stanford White, another rich cuss who made it a business to rob girls of their chastity, came to a close in New York, Saturday, when the murderer was declared not guilty on the grounds of insanity at the time of the deed.

Strange that all these years he has been running the gauntlet of high life and swell society, and is just now found to be insane. A great case in jurisprudence. Men without money kill and are hung; millionaires commit the same offense and are insane at the time of the killing, and go free.

According to our way of thinking, Thaw should have taken the same course that a moneyless man would have taken had he killed Stanford White. What man will say that the slinky dollar didn't save his guilty neck?

The sublimity of justice!

## Bishop Woodcock Coming.

On Sunday, Feb. 9th, Bishop Woodcock, of Louisville, will begin a series of meetings in St. Paul's Episcopal church in this city; to continue through and including Sunday, Feb. 16th.

The Undertaker at the Farmer's Hardware Co., will answer your calls promptly, day night.

## In Circuit Court.

The following cases were disposed of while circuit court was in session in Fulton last week:

Oce Tharpe, colored, charged with carrying concealed weapons was found guilty and fined \$25 and ten days in prison.

First National Bank vs J. K. Walker, stricken from the docket.

Commonwealth vs Dr. A. J. Alexander, charge, failure to register certificate, case dismissed.

Commonwealth vs I. C. R. R. Co., failure to signal crossing, fined \$100 and costs.

Commonwealth vs I. C. R. R. Co., dismissed case, company to pay the costs.

L. J. Cooke vs. I. C. R. R. Co., damage to stock in shipment, defendant company fined \$50.00.

## Mrs. John Barham Died.

Mrs. Emma Barham, wife of John Barham, died at her home in the Mt. Zion neighborhood Tuesday morning at 2 o'clock of consumption. In her death the community loses a noble, Christian woman, loved alike by both old and young for the many endearing qualities she possessed.

FOR SALE—A three-room house and four lots in Gourley's Addition. Worth double what we ask. Hickman Courier Realty Co. Ask for No. 33. Price \$475.



## County of Fulton

As seen from the Assessor's books;  
Both Curious and Interesting Figures.

The following interesting statistics, relating to Fulton county, are taken from the tax books compiled in the year 1907, and upon which the assessment for 1908 is based. We are under obligations to our accommodating County Clerk S. T. Roper for these figures. Read them.

Amount of notes secured by mortgage	\$150,404
Amount of other notes	147,205
Amount of accounts	11,825
Amount of cash on hand	25,070
Amount of cash on deposit in banks, and against which checks in payment of prior bona fide indebtedness have not been drawn	58,465
Amount of cash on deposit with other corporations	1,035
Amount of stock in corporations, joint stock companies or associations of this State not paid on by the company or association	1,850
Amount of stock in foreign corporations not exempt by law	8,400
Number of acres of land	121,565
Valuation of land and improvements	2,020,560
Number of city or town lots	1,934
Value of lots with improvements	1,153,675
4 thoroughbred saddle and standard stallions, value	750
19 thoroughbred saddle and standard mares and colts, value	1,435
29 stallions of common stock, value	3,145
2,109 geldings, mares and colts of common stock, value	144,303
1,717 mules and mule colts, value	136,095
13 jacks, value	1,885
4 jennets, value	40
7 registered bulls, value	250
82 registered cows and calves, value	1,859
3,213 bulls, cows, calves and steers of common stock, value	40,815
2,641 sheep, value	7,780
13,072 hogs, value	45,945
Value of agricultural implements	23,505
Value of agricultural products for taxation, less value of crops grown in the year assessment was made and in the hands of the producer	1,680
Value of wagons, carriages, automobiles and bicycles and vehicles of all kinds	34,196
Value of slaughtered animals	480
Value of safes	2,477
Value of household and kitchen furniture	175,570
Value of manufacturing implements, machinery of all kinds	22,925
Value of pianoforte and other musical instruments	22,910
Value of raw materials to be used in manufacturing	7,000
Value of manufactured articles	1,600
Value of paintings	115
40 volumes in library, value	2,000
Value of diamonds	3,375
Value of watches and clocks	7,519
Value of jewelry	345
Value of gold, silver and plated ware	825
Value of steam engines including boilers	11,395
Value of steamboats, sail boats or other water craft	1,650
Value of mineral products	12
Value of brick, stone and other building materials	3,000
75 stores. Value of stocks of goods and other property therein	283,705
Value of property held for another for the purpose of sale on commission or otherwise	13,975
Value of all property not mentioned above	7,677
Total assessed value of personal property	505,462
Amount of exemption on household goods and other personal property to a person with a family—not exceeding \$250	300,455
Grand total value of all property assessed for taxation. (After exemptions have been deducted.)	4,290,242
Total exemptions	300,455
Banks	215,750
Total assessment	4,806,447
Amount less exemptions	4,505,992
Males over 21 years of age	2,846
Enrolled militia	5
Children between 6 and 20 years	2,416
Number of studs, jacks and bulls for which a service fee was charged	6
Rate per season	26
Pounds of tobacco raised during the year	336,160
Tons of hay raised during the year	3,972
Bushels of corn raised during the year	539,385
Bushels of wheat raised during the year	116,987
Bushels of oats raised during the year	2,784
Number of acres of wheat raised during the year	11,072
Number of acres of corn raised during the year	16,015
Number of acres of meadow	4,487
Number of acres of woodland	24,340
Number of acres of tobacco	608
Number of dogs over four months of age	770

## Goes to Wall.

A. F. Williams, but generally known as "K. K.," who conducted a small restaurant and candy making business in Hickman, made an assignment Monday morning for the benefit of his creditors. Judge H. F. Remley was named as assignee.

Judge Remley places the liabilities at \$650, and assets about \$250. The stock will be disposed of at public auction, and creditors paid their pro rata.

Williams left Hickman for parts unknown Sunday night, leaving his nephew, Mr. Powell, here to look after the winding up of the business.

## Why Not Live "Game"?

In San Quentin prison there is a padded board to which a condemned prisoner may be strapped and supported on his way to the gallows if his cowardly legs will not hold him up. It is the glory of the prison that its use has never been required. All over the prison, after each execution, the anxious query is hastily passed from mouth to mouth, "Did he die game?" and soon the answer flies among the files, "He died game," and the prison rests content. If any executed felon should show the white feather in the final hour the whole felonious fraternity would feel humiliated and the memory of the culprit who flunked would be execrated for generations.

"What of it?" Nothing much,

## Early Days in Ky.

In November, 1798, the Kentucky legislature passed an act requiring every white male, over sixteen, to kill a certain number of crows and squirrels each year.

In 1812, a law was passed allowing a compensation of \$1.00 for killing wolves under six months old, and \$1.50 for those over six months old, when the head was shown, (the age must have been ascertained by an examination).

In 1825, Henry Clay was burned in effigy in several places, for voting for John Quincy Adams for President instead of Andrew Jackson.

In 1833 Benjamin R. Richard, of Montgomery, left his home in search of a physician who could relieve him of superabundant flesh. He was 41 years old and weighed 483 pounds.

In November, 1836, Dr. Benjamin W. Dudley, of Lexington, restored to sight a young man twenty-one years of age who had been blind from his birth with cataract.

In January 1830, the county court of Lewis county prohibited the sale of whisky by groggeries at a greater price than two cents for a half pint. It is said that many men abandoned the business as unprofitable.

In February, 1855, there was on exhibition in Louisville the largest horse then in the world. He was twenty hands high and was describ-

## For Spring.

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Laces, Percales, Ginghams, Madras White Goods, Dress Goods, Belts, Combs, Purses, Belt Buckles, Pins, Novelties, etc.

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## Negroes To Leave.

J. E. Russell, editor of the Dawson Springs Oracle, has been receiving notices signed "Rough Riders," with the request that they be published, regarding negroes in that thriving little Hopkins county town. This week he received the following communication:

"Publish this in your paper. For all the negroes in Dawson to get out in ten days, or woe unto them and for all that has got them employed to get rid of them, and all that has got them in their houses to get them out, or woe to their backs. This is the second warning.

## ROUGH RIDERS.

Farmers, it is said, want a change made in the game laws of Kentucky. They complain that the time for killing quail gives the town hunters all the advantage, as the farmers are too busy to go hunting during the open season, and the town fellows get all the birds. How about the large number of fellows in town who never hunt at all and have no birds on their tables because they are not allowed to buy them and the hunter is not permitted to give them any birds?

## Catholic Membership Increased.

There are 13,877,626 Roman Catholics in the United States, according to the advance sheets of the 1908 Wiltis directory.

These figures show an increase of 788,093 over last year. Including the Catholic population of the Philippines, which amounts to 7,109,452, and the 1,000,000 Catholic population of Porto Rico and the 35,000 Catholics of the Sandwich Islands, the entire Catholic population under the United States flag amounts to 22,618,898.

As all figures are submitted to the directory publishers by the various Archbishops and Bishops, the total may be taken as a very reliable estimate, a census having been taken in most of the archdioceses and dioceses, and the very latest figures have been submitted.

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but does it not seem that where so many low-browed, bestial criminals can all "die game," more of us who are not low-browed, bestial or criminal should be able to live "game," as the slang-birds call it?

Why should so many men and women be brave only to die, but not brave to live! Is it because moral courage is so much more rare, so much higher in quality than physical courage? A thousand men will turn out and pay \$5 to \$10 each to see two men welt each other with clenched fists, cheering the man who can take punishment as loudly as the one who can inflict it; but how many of that thousand, who have rendered such homage to physical courage, could face a chance to make a thousand dollars crookedly and still stand up and take the chance.

Isn't it about time for thoughtful persons to be putting the recompense of their adulation upon deeds of moral daring?

Attorney General Bonaparte has instructed the District Attorney for the Western district of Kentucky to institute suit in twenty-two cases against the Illinois Central railway for violation of the safety appliance law.

ed at a horse show of "extraordinary grandeur and majesty and appearance."

During March, 1855, several families in Clark county lost cattle by starvation. Others sold their cattle at half what they cost two years before. This was caused by the scarcity of corn, resulting from the great drouth of the summer of 1864.

One of our worthy contemporaries is bewailing the fate of Beckham like this: "There is all the difference in the world in fighting Beckham and knifing the Democratic nominee." If Beckham received the nomination in other counties in the same manner that he did this county, it's a cinch that the nominee is not being knifed; though, we will admit that Beckham is. Our hats are off to the men who have nerve enough to bolt such rottenness, and the voters are with them, too.

FOR SALE—A neat, one story, 4 room cottage. Close to the business part of town. That young fellow who is intending to marry this year will do well to see us about this property. Price \$700. Listed as No. 32. Hickman Courier Realty Co.